

We claim:

1. A solid pharmaceutical composition suitable for the oral delivery of a pharmacologically active agent comprising
  - a. a therapeutically-effective amount of a pharmacologically active agent;
  - b. a crospovidone or povidone; and
  - c. a delivery agent for said pharmacologically active agent.
2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the active agent is a peptide.
3. A composition according to claim 2 wherein the peptide is a calcitonin.
4. A composition according to claim 3 wherein the calcitonin is salmon calcitonin.
5. A composition according to claim 1 comprising crospovidone.
6. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the delivery agent is 5-CNAC.
7. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the delivery agent is the disodium salt of 5-CNAC.
8. A composition according to claim 1 which additionally includes a diluent.
9. A composition according to claim 8 wherein the diluent is microcrystalline cellulose.
10. A composition according to claim 1 which additionally includes a lubricant.
11. A composition according to claim 10 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.
12. A method for enhancing the oral bioavailability of a pharmacologically active agent, said method comprising administering to a patient in need of a pharmacologically active agent, an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1.
13. A method of treatment of bone related diseases and calcium disorders comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a composition according to claim 1, wherein said pharmacologically active agent is calcitonin.
14. A method according to claim 13 wherein said calcitonin is salmon calcitonin.